

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 347

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dave Donahue, Clarksville High School Boys Soccer Coach, upon being named the TSSAA's winningest soccer coach.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such esteemed citizen is Dave Donahue, Clarksville High School Boys Soccer Coach, who on April 13, 2007, captured his 336th career victory to become the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's winningest soccer coach; he surpassed former Oak Ridge coach Dennis Rush for the coveted honor; and

WHEREAS, in the especially victorious home game win, the Wildcats, after three penalty kicks and a stingy defense, defeated District 10 rival Northeast High School 4-1 in the Wendy's Cup; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats' Tyler Petrone scored in the 18th minute and teammate Matt Rabbitt punched through the game's first penalty kick with 11:20 left in the first half for a 2-0 advantage at halftime; in the second half, Zack Caraciollo connected on back-to-back penalty kicks courtesy of two hard fouls in the box by the Eagles; and

WHEREAS, since his first win in 1983, Coach Donahue has received much praise for his unsurpassed coaching skills while earning the respect of his peers, colleagues, players, and Wildcats fans alike for his dedication to Clarksville High and the Clarksville Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donahue's notoriously successful teams have been a dominating force in district play; Clarksville has captured a total of nineteen district titles, including ten consecutively from 1995 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donahue's teams have also won three region crowns, reached the state quarterfinals twice, in 1985 and 2000, and was the state runner-up in 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Coach Dave Donahue has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his student athletes to reach their potential on the field and in life; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should commend and applaud Dave Donahue on this tremendous milestone in his exemplary coaching career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Clarksville Boys Soccer Coach Dave Donahue for his honorable and astute service to the young athletes of this State and join with his family, friends, players, and fans in celebrating his becoming the TSSAA's winningest soccer coach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.